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In re: Evans et al.
Appl. No.: 10/060,711
Filed: January 30, 2002
Title: Apparatus and Method for Providing
Emergency Lighting

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2003 in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 1-12 and 19-22, and Group II, namely Claims 13-18 and 23-26. Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-12 and 19-22) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims. Kindly, cancel, in the present application, the claims directed to the non-elected Group II, namely Claims 13-18 and 23-26.


Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or related fees are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event

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that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

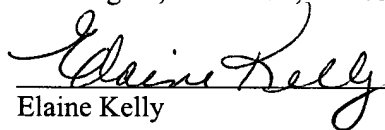
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